

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Gonzalez et al.

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**For:** METHOD FOR FORMING A SELF-  
ALIGNED ISOLATION TRENCH

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed August 15, 2008, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on November 15, 2008.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.